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During Coffee County BOE meeting

## FY2022 budget approved

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved several personnel matters Thursday evening, Sept. 2, during the regular monthly meeting.

The resignation of Chelbie Mobley from her TEAMS teaching position contract was approved, and then the board voted to employ Mobley as a teacher at Zion Chapel School instead. The board also approved the employment of Celeste Jones as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

A leave request was approved for Emily Roberts. For classified personnel, a resignation for Cindy Dunn was approved, effective Aug. 20, 2021.

Two employments were approved. Greg Lee was hired as an 11-month custodian for New Brockton Elementary School, and Larry Green was hired as a bus driver for Coffee County Schools.

Also, during the meeting, the board listened to concerned parent, Michael Matherly, as he expressed his opposition to students having to wear facial coverings under the current school system order. Several times during his address, Matherly said he felt the schools were forcing the students to wear the masks only to get more funding.

"I have a five-year-old and I'd rather she catch COVID than be suffocated with the dad-gum masks eight hours per day," Matherly said. "It should be our choice. Those are our kids."

Again, he said he felt the only reason the school system was mandating masks as to get school money.

When he asked if he was correct, board chairman Brian McLeod said they were not there to debate with Matherly on the issue.

Matherly said he personally believes COVID is just a flu symptom or cold that does grow from here and there at times. He asked the board to let parents choose what they feel is best for their own children.

"I don't believe ya'll have the right to mandate something on these kids," he said.

"We appreciate you taking the opportunity to come and address the board. Your thoughts are certainly welcome," McLeod said. "We have confidence in our school administrators that they are going to make decisions to keep our students safe and to keep them in school. That is our goal...to keep them in school."

Matherly asked which comes first - safe or in school. He said the schools have to divide between the two.

The meeting also featured the second of two annual budget hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget presented by Chief Financial Officer Shannon Odom. At the conclusion of her presentation, board members voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

The school system's opening balance for its budget on Oct. 1st will be \$9,513,520.80. Adding in anticipated total revenues [all sources] for the year totaling \$36,868,334.22 and deducting anticipated expenditures totaling \$35,586,727.54, the ending balance on Sept. 30, 2022 would be projected to be \$10,795,127.48.

Board members also approved the annual Capital Plan for the school system. This is a working document that can be adjusted at any time, but must be approved once per year to be submitted to the state.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m.



**TWO INJURED IN WRECK...**Emergency personnel once again found themselves at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 [in the Curtis Community of Coffee County] last Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, working a multi-vehicle wreck. This accident was reported just after 8 a.m. last Wednesday, and it was reported as a four-vehicle wreck. However, only two vehicles received notable damages from the collision. Reportedly, the driver of a Toyota SUV [shown in the background of photo], traveling on Hwy. 141, was attempting to cross Hwy. 84 from the median when the driver pulled into oncoming traffic. The vehicle shown above was traveling on Hwy. 84 and was unable to avoid colliding with the SUV. Two people were taken to area hospitals to receive treatment of injuries sustained in this crash - the driver of the car and a passenger in the SUV.

## Group requests football field at New Brockton be named after former coach

by Linda Hodge, Editor

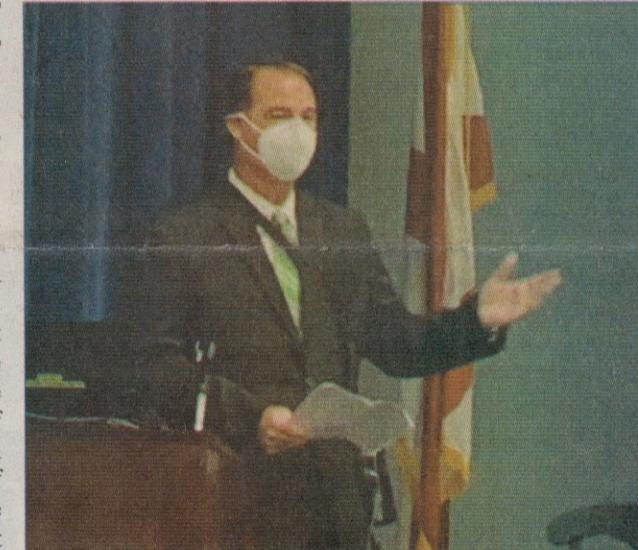
During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, Sept. 2, board members heard a request from several former New Brockton football players to name the football field after a legendary coach.

Matt Rodgers, current president of Enterprise State Community College and a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School, spoke on behalf of the group in attendance for the meeting. He said it is an exciting time for New Brockton Schools seeing the growth, but last Thursday night, he said he was there to talk about Coach Leavy Boutwell.

Boutwell became the head football coach at New Brockton in 1979, and his first team went 9-1 on the season. Over the next 11 seasons, his teams went 94-27.

Rodgers said he had an opportunity to be a part of Boutwell's program at New Brockton, starting first as a team manager and working his way up to playing quarterback for the team.

"Coach Boutwell made a profound impact on me. I knew what I wanted to do when I left high school," Rodgers said. "There is no doubt that playing for



**Matt Rodgers, a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School, addresses the Coffee County Board of Education last Thursday evening. He was the designated speaker for a group requesting the football field at New Brockton be named after former coach Leavy Boutwell.**

Coach Boutwell led me in a teacher and coach first, and later an administrator.

Rodgers would become

On behalf of the group in attendance, Rodgers asked the board to consider naming the field at Gamecock Stadium the Leavy Boutwell Field.

Board chairman Brian McLeod thanked those in attendance for coming, and he said the board would take the request into consideration.

## Coffee County Schools report improved COVID numbers

According to an update from Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb, the school system had a total of 47 cases of COVID-19 for the week of Aug. 24 - Aug. 31.

Cobb said this reflected 17 cases at Kinston School, 10 cases at New Brockton Elementary School, five cases at New Brockton High School, and 15 cases at Zion Chapel School.

"These numbers show a significant improvement from the week prior and are keeping healthy students in school and allowing our students to experience face-to-face learning with peers and teachers," Cobb said.

"The district's goal is to continue to provide high-quality face-to-face instruction and extracurricular activities for all students who attend Coffee County Schools. Additionally, we are working together to avoid going virtual or having a school closure."

Coffee County EMA director James Brown echoed Cobb's comments

While community transmission remains high

## CCEMA director notes some slight improvements with COVID update

On Friday, Oct. 3, Coffee County EMA director James Brown said both new cases and hospitalizations were showing statistically neutral numbers for COVID-19 and variants compared to his report from two weeks prior for the local area.

"Our test positivity rate remains very high, which shows continued widespread community transmission," Brown added.

He said hospitalizations remained the top concern as of the Sept. 3rd report.

"We seem to have currently plateaued as we have maintained our number of hospitalizations at around the 2,800 mark for two weeks now," Brown said.

"Last report we showed 2,764 confirmed cases of

COVID in the hospitals. Today [Sept. 3], we show 2,838."

Brown said it remains concerning that hospitals in the local area are still at or over capacity for medical beds.

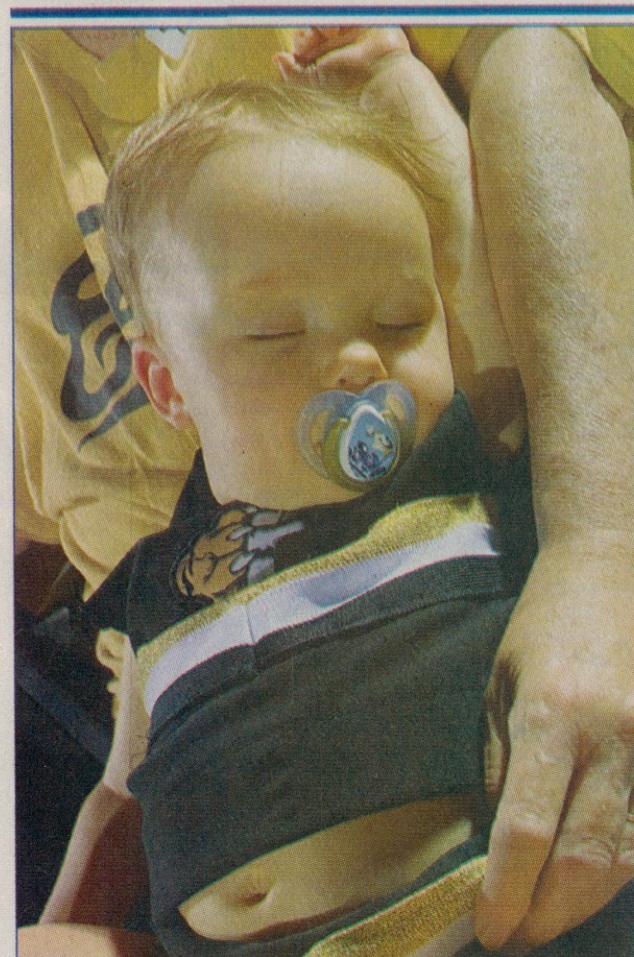
"Our real issue remains Intensive Care Units [ICU's] with those being almost 33 percent over capacity in our region," he said.

"We are currently 94 ICU beds short in the state."

Also, he said a concern is the rate of those 18-39 and those under 18 being hospitalized currently. He said this rate is higher now than at any time since the COVID pandemic began.

Brown further noted that

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**TIRED TIGER...**Byrdie Forbes tried her best to help cheer the Elba Tigers to a victory last Friday night, Sept. 3, but it was not meant to be on that particular night. The Tigers lost their region opener to G.W. Long [see more on the Sports pages] to go 2-1 on the young season. By the end of the game, Byrdie had given in to sleep, but she still had an arm raised high for her Tigers as she slept peacefully in Nana's lap [Pam McCollough]. Byrdie is the daughter of Raeanne McCollough and Robby Forbes of Elba. Her older sister, Taylor, is a member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work" – Stephen King

Lately this column has been critical of those who take the horse wormer medicine Ivermectin as a substitute for "the shot" to fight COVID. That has not changed. However, sitting at home during the long weekend, we pondered the mindset of those who are unlucky enough to be hospitalized (and very sick) with the rapidly spreading virus. The conclusion was that if we were in their shoes, we would be willing to try anything with any remote chance of survival. If someone suggested – let's say "standing on our head in the pouring rain and reciting off-color jokes", we would probably start hunting a BIG book of off-color jokes and pray for rain!!! Still . . . we urge getting the shot, but will not smirk at those who are ill with COVID and take the horse wormer meds (or cause a run on the sale of off-color joke books on a rainy day).

An article in the New York Times this week reported that new studies indicate that of all those vaccinated they have only a 1 in 5,000 chance of actually getting COVID-19. They reported the percentage is even less in areas with the higher vaccination rates and for those who continue practicing common safety measures (like wearing masks in public). Oh, Alabama is getting better with taking the shots but is still at the lower end of the percentage for those who are fully vaccinated.

Last week we thought the hurricane that hit the New Orleans area was terrible but were pleased that the numbers did nothing this year like during some past storms. That was before Hurricane Ida moved up into the Northeast as a tropical storm and drowned dozens, some families trapped by rising floodwaters in their basement apartments. Also the New York subway system was flooded when the rising level of rainwater could find no other place to go.

Our book reading continues whenever the time is available. Recently we reread a historical type book – well the story of a political figure through the eyes of someone who was there every day for some 25 years. Now it is another rereading. This time it is a group of short stories about historic figures who gained their spot in history from their travels into the unknown. It is a beautifully illustrated book, with travels dating back to times when the star of the story spent years and years on a single voyage, sometimes with dozens of fellow travelers, many, many of whom didn't make it back home. One thing we remember from our earlier reading of this book is the lack of reporting on the very earliest travelers – the 'first out of Africa'; those who first crossed the Bering Strait into America and others whose accomplishments were not written down and are only known about basically through guess work, graves and old tools. Plus those equally important like Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and many others who were trailblazers in the early days of the United States.

Another one recently reread was Marion Brunson's 'Pea River Reflections' Don't tell our friend Bob Inman, but we have pulled out one of his books and placed it with the "to read again" stack! Knowing that might give him the big head and delay delivery of his upcoming publication!

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and Monday, September 6, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Aug. 31** – Animal complaint with impound reported at 1525 Edgewood Dr (6:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:13 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (10:18 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:30 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (11:01 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 860 County Rd 249 (12:29 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1215 Jones Circle (1:33 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1620 Boswell St (3:26 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1217 Farris Ave (4:00 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:23 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1** – Disturbance reported at 886 Cedar Lane Dr (12:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 886 Cedar Lane Dr (12:47 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 7723 Hwy 125 (8:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy (12:01 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 315 Sawyer St (12:44 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (9:21 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1698 Hickman Ave (11:31 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Thursday, Sept. 2** – Suspicious person reported on Ann St – an arrest was made (1:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (4:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1408 Stoudemire St (5:05 a.m.); Fire service call reported at 712 Troy Hwy (7:57 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2484 Hwy 84 (8:05 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Old Samson Rd (8:44 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (9:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (12:00 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations, and one verbal warning.

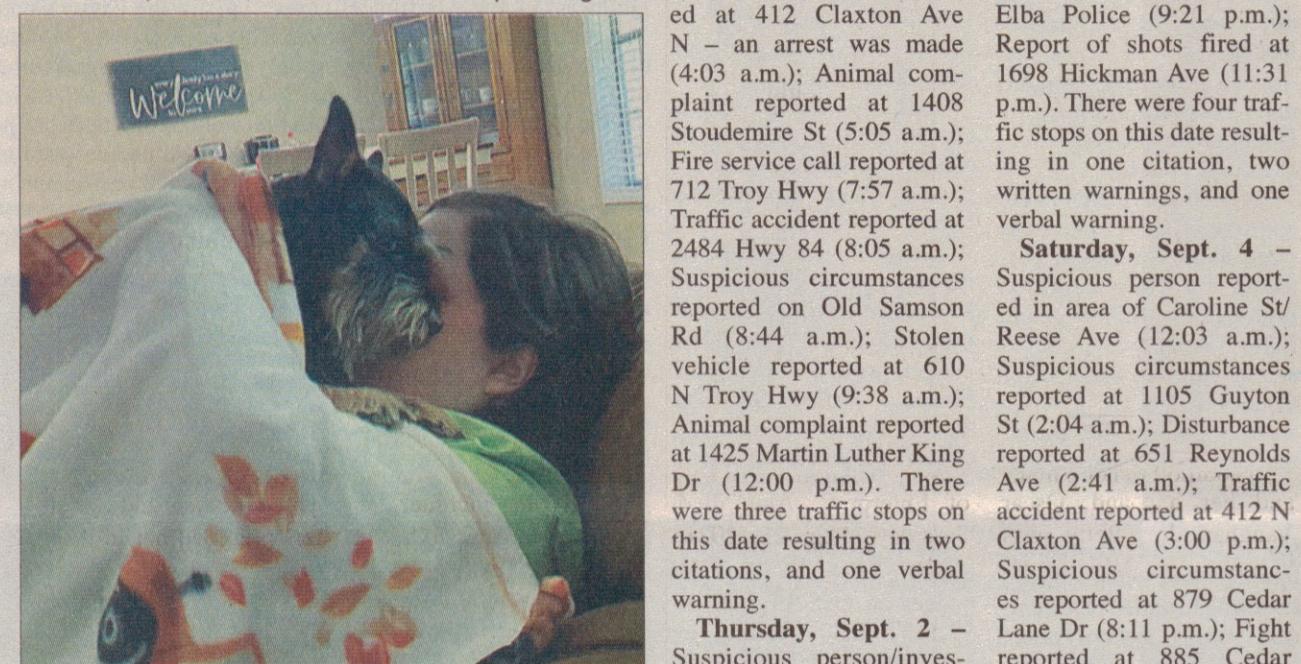
**Friday, Sept. 3** – Suspicious person reported in area of Caroline St/Reese Ave (12:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1105 Guyton St (2:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 651 Reynolds Ave (2:41 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (3:00 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (8:11 p.m.); Fight reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (9:22 p.m.); Fight reported at 861 Cedar Lane Dr (9:48 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1620 Boswell St (9:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 860 Cedar Lane Dr (11:13 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Forest Ave (11:31 p.m.); Fight reported on Reynolds Ave (11:44 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Saturday, Sept. 4** – Suspicious person reported in area of Caroline St/Reese Ave (12:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1105 Guyton St (2:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (12:00 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations, and one verbal warning.

**Sunday, Sept. 5** – Harassing communications reported on Simmons St (2:22 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 139 Riverview Dr (6:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1699 County Rd 249 (7:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 139 Riverview Dr (8:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 217 (9:29 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (11:00 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, and one no action taken.

**Monday, Sept. 6** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 2695 Hwy 166 (12:12 a.m.); Burglary reported at 712 Troy Hwy (12:08 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (1:13 p.m.); Assault reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (7:29 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (10:36 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1795 Claxton Ave (11:10 p.m.); Assault reported at 1209 Farris Ave (11:47 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

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## CHURCH and LOCAL NEWS

### Harris Temple COGIC plans Tent Revival Crusade

The Young Adult Ministry, along with Senior Pastor Superintendent William K. Ellison, invites all to the 2021 Tent Revival Crusade at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ [747 Adams Street, Elba].

### Covenant Community Church plans "Meet and Greet" with pastor for Sunday, Sept. 12th

Covenant Community Church extends a warm welcome to all past members and friends of CCC.

The church will be officially welcoming the new pastor Sunday, Sept. 12, with a "Meet and Greet" fellowship time and potluck on the grounds. The doors are wide open as is the invitation to worship with other church members on this "Welcome Home" to all special day.

Pastor Paul Jackson has expressed a desire to meet these past members and friends. He also has a special message planned for the day.

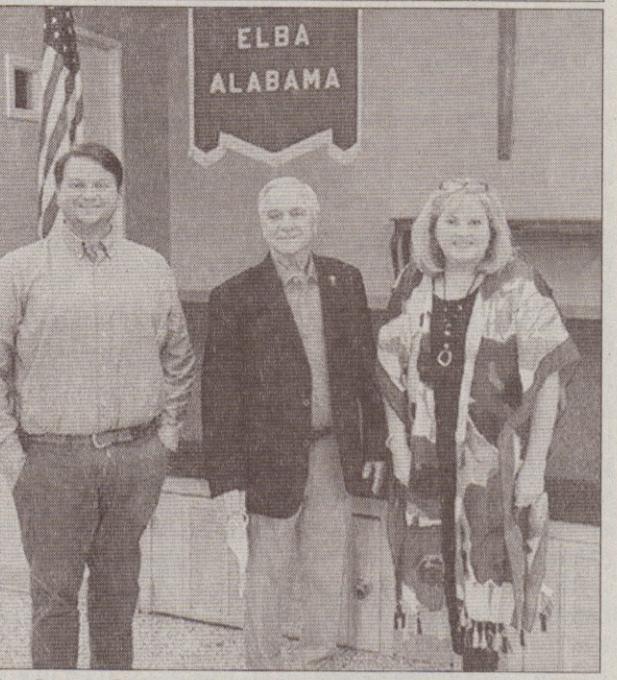
Fellowship time is from 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10.

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Members of the Elba Rotary Club had a visit from District Governor Bruce McNeal on Tuesday, August 31. The Elba Rotary Club is part of District 6880, which covers the southern half of Alabama. Pictured (with masks off just long enough for a photo) are Elba Rotary President Steve Reneau, McNeal, and Assistant District Governor Sandy Bynum Williams, who is a member of the Elba Club.

### RWCC meeting set for Sept. 15

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The program will be a forum with the Alabama US Senate Republican primary candidates. The Republican primary election will take place on May 24. The winner of the primary will go on to run in the Nov. 8, 2022, general election.

The winner of that race will replace retiring Senator Richard Shelby, who has represented Alabama in the US Senate since 1987. Candidates Lynda

### Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly. Psalm 1:1-6

**Thinking of You!**

Praying for You.  
Dea. J.L. and Sister Estella Williams, Estella Lawrence, Helen Thigpen, Juanita Rogers, Betty Moore, Rev. Fred Flowers, Lacy Nunn Kelley, Mamie Belcher, Annie Flowers

for God's glory!"

His answer was tongue-in-cheek, but it didn't sit well with the questioner.

The Pharisee expected

Jesus to confirm his

prejudice against other

and affirm his black-

and-white view of the

world. The Lord looks

a bit deeper into human

hearts than we can! What

assumptions do you hold

that Jesus might call into

question?

■ C.R.B.

### September Birthdays / Anniversaries

Melonia Lands 9/9

Jahari Tykiem Jones 9/10

Arthur Gilford 9/10

A'miya Alexis Hutchinson 9/12

Cedric Williams 9/12

Grover/Eria Belcher 9/12

R.C. Carpenter 9/13 (in

memory)

Tyrek Pruitt 9/13

Jarrel K. Smedley 9/14

Victoria Florence 9/14

Michael Terrell 9/14

Gussie Adams 9/15 (in

memory)

Ollie R. Peterson 9/16

Deana Gilford Cole 9/16

Multiple Choice

**Q:** The author calls the daughter of Jerusalem to do what? (sing) (shout) (rejoice)

**A:** rejoice [Zephaniah 3:14]

**Q:** Why was John the Baptist beheaded? (the way he dressed) (the food he ate) (the message he told to Herod)

**A:** The message he told to Herod [Mark 6: 16-18]

### Saying that Makes Sense

Profanity as strong words used by weak people

### Questions for the Week of 9/23/21

Multiple Choice

**Q:** Other than Jesus, who also walked on water? (John) (Mark) (Peter)

**Q:** Who wrote this statement? For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Moses) (Samuel) (Paul)

**Q:** Solomon wanted God to hear the people's prayer and (bless) (heal) (forgive) them.

### Today is a good day!

Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

### An Unexpected Answer

In began my Christian college teaching career at a small college in the Midwest. In those days, Christians tended to see moral issues in more black-and-white terms than today. For example, in regard to alcohol, the consensus among most Christians was that it absolutely should be avoided.

In this cultural setting, someone hypothetically asked the president of the college, "would the school accept a million-dollar gift from the brewery down the road?" The president answered, "If the brewery wanted to give the school a million dollars, we'd baptize it and use it

Blanchard, Katie Boyd Britt, Congressman Mo Brooks, and Jessica Taylor will be participating. Each candidate will be given time to discuss their platforms and then will answer questions from members and written questions from the floor.

Social time begins at 11 a.m. and an optional buffet opens at 11:20. The program begins at approximately 11:50. The public is invited to attend, but reservations are required to ensure adequate seating and food. Call Jan at 334-494-3763 or email: [rwc-reservations@gmail.com](mailto:rwc-reservations@gmail.com) no later than Sept. 13th.

Deana Gilford Cole 9/16

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JUVENILE JUDGE  
8-26 & 9-2, 9 & 16 2021 pd

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## COVID

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CASE NO: PC-2021-067

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ELBA DIVISIONIN THE MATTER OF  
COMPLETION (300M  
Gallon Water Storage  
Tank, CDBG Project No.  
CY-ED-PF-20-001 and  
CY-ED-PF-19-101)

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that FISHER TANK COMPANY, Contractor, has completed the Contract for the 300M Gallon Water Storage Tank, CDBG Project No. CY-ED-PF-20-001 and CY-ED-PF-19-101, for the Coffee County Commission, New Brockton, AL, a municipal corporation and has made

request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project

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death reports associated with COVID had begun to rise again too.

"We reported another seven deaths for Coffee County during this last two-week period," he said. "Also, though local numbers seem to be maintaining at rates from two weeks ago, we still had about a 15 percent increase in cases in the state over the last two weeks as the case load seems to be shifting north."

For the state, Brown said Alabama was averaging about 2,509 new cases per day with his previous report. Now, he said the state is seeing an average of about 2,955 new cases per day.

More locally, Brown said his office is concentrating more on positivity rate to give an idea of community transmission.

"These numbers are better aligned between various sites and agencies," he said. "We feel they are more accurate for our planning purposes. We have seen a slight decline in this rate, which gives us some hope that our cases may further plateau and perhaps start declining in the coming month."

Brown said the current positivity rate for Coffee County was 30.7 percent [as of Sept 3], down from 35.9 percent two weeks ago.

"Ideally, we would like this below 5 percent," he said. "So, we still have a very high community transmission rate."

Brown did report that Alabama is no longer last in vaccination rates for the

United States. With last Friday's report, he said Alabama had passed Mississippi with Alabama's vaccination rate now at 38.6 percent fully vaccinated and 50 percent completing at least one dose of the vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends individuals with moderate to severely compromised immune systems receive a third dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after their second dose. This includes people who have:

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES EDGAR SMITH, JR.  
Deceased

FISHER TANK COMPANY

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IN THE MATTER OF ANNE B. BULLARD, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2021-068

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ANNE B. BULLARD, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2021-069

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CY-ED-PF-19-101)

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Sonya Lynn Walker on the 26th day of August 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 26th day of August 2021.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge

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BCBS of Alabama covering COVID-19 third dose at no cost to eligible members

Blue Cross and Blue

Shield of Alabama mem-

bers who are moderately

to severely immunocom-

promised will not have to

pay for their third dose of

the FDA authorized mRNA

COVID-19 vaccination.

Blue Cross members

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health plans will be able to

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• Been receiving active

cancer treatment for tumors

or cancers of the blood

• Received an organ or

stem cell within the last

2 years and are taking

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• Moderate or severe

primary immunodeficiency

(such as DiGeorge

Syndrome or Wiskott-

Aldrich Syndrome)

• Advanced or untreated

HIV infection

• Active treatment with

high dose steroids or other

drugs that may suppress the

immune system

Looking ahead, Brown

said the message remains

the same...get a vaccine

and use all the non-phar-

aceutical interventions such

as washing hands, wearing

masks, and social distanc-

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People should con-

sult their physician about

whether an additional dose

is appropriate for them.

Based on the alarming

increase in COVID-19

cases including the Delta

variant and CDC guide-

lines, Blue Cross contin-

ues to strongly recom-

mend Alabamians get

the COVID-19 vaccine,

including the third dose if

appropriate.

According to the CDC,

the Delta variant causes

more infections and

spreads faster than earlier

forms of the COVID-19

virus. In unvaccinated peo-

ple, illness might be more

severe than with previous

strains. Vaccines continue

to:

• Reduce a person's risk

of contracting the virus

that causes COVID-19, includ-

ing the Delta variant.

• Be highly effective

at preventing hospitaliza-

tion and death, including

against the Delta variant.

• Reduce the amount of

time that fully vaccinated

people with breakthrough

infections from this variant

appear to be infectious.

Alabamians can help end

the pandemic in our state

and nationwide by getting

the vaccine, wearing face

## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson went to the Elba football game** last week and while he was more than a little disappointed the Tigers lost, he loved the atmosphere of the game and joined the fans in their very vocal support for the team. Now that he has experienced a game first hand, I expect my little man to go to many more games and be one of the Tigers biggest fans!

**For what it is worth....**

**\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw** their usually high powered offense sputter a couple of times last week and gave up touchdowns on big plays, a kickoff return and an interception return in a 35-16 loss to G.W. Long, in a key region clash. The offense was determined to run the football in the game and did rush for just under 200 yards, but lost a total of 29 yards on three fumbles and had a total of 19 plays from scrimmage that resulted in runs of one yard or less. The defense held its own for much of the night and came up with two big turnovers, but did surrender a couple of big plays that resulted in points for the Rebels and committed a couple of costly penalties. Elba lost the game and definitely didn't play its best, but looking back I really don't think it was quite as bad as many Tigers thought as they left the stadium. Sometimes when a team is winning the players and fans get a false sense of just how good a team is, and after a loss the fans look for someone or something to blame. Hey, the season is young and I believe the best is yet to come!

**\*\*\* It was not the best of weeks** for the teams in the area as Brantley was the only team to hang a win on their side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back at the football action in the third week of the season....

**\*\* Brantley was in complete command** for all four quarters in a solid 34-0 season opening win over Kinston. The Bulldogs were efficient running and throwing the football, while the defense tossed a shutout in its first test. It is kind of funny many Brantley fans were a little upset about the final score since the Bulldogs wo 34-0, but that just proves the fans up in 'Front Porch City' expect nothing but the best every Friday night and just might be a little spoiled.

**\*\* Kinston dropped its region opener** 34-0 to Brantley, but never quit fighting and showed their fans they are going to be a team that plays hard for four quarters every time it hits the field. The Bulldogs were simply overwhelmed in the region opener and lost to a better team. The folks down in Kinston need to keep the faith, because I assure you the players and coaches aren't about to throw in the towel.

**\*\* Zion Chapel lost to Abbeville 48-18** on the road, but played hard throughout the game and may have actually gained somewhat of a moral victory despite the final score. The Rebels had no way to match their opponent in speed and athletic ability, but never backed down and proved to everyone in attendance that this year's Rebels can and will be a competitive team no matter the opponent.

**\*\* New Brockton was shutout 27-0** by a quality Opp Bobcat team, and learned in the loss that one play can't win or lose a game, as the Gamecocks never seemed to be the same after a score was wiped off the board by a penalty flag. The Gamecocks were huge underdogs going into the game despite being undefeated, but earned a lot of

respect by fighting with their region opponent for all four quarters. I know the loss hurt, but I feel the Gamecocks may actually be a better team now than after the first two wins.

**\*\*\* It was another wild week** in high school football across the state, and with the start of region wars the games carried a little greater importance. Here's a look back at the week that was...

**\*\* Class 1A** – The top four teams in the standings made it look easy as they won by a combined score of 180-19, while #5 Linden fell to 0-2 with a 43-0 loss to Keith and #7 McKenzie was shocked by Red Level 34-24. In other games of note, Barbour County finally got back on the field and was mauled by Maplesville 70-0, Flora slumped to 0-2 with a 30-20 loss to Samson, Pleasant Home slipped past winless Georgiana 26-20, and Red Level picked up a huge region win with the 34-24 upset over McKenzie.

**\*\* Class 2A** – The top four teams all win with #1 Mars Hill blanking Sheffield 37-0, while three ranked teams lost including #5 Elba, #8 Westbrook Christian and #9 North Sand Mountain. In a couple of local games Arton kept on rolling with a 49-0 win over Houston County, Geneva County struggled a bit in a 28-12 win over Cottonwood, Highland Home made it look easy with a 49-0 win over Calhoun, Luverne got back on the field and spanked Central Coosa 63-0, and Abbeville bounced back from an opening loss with a 48-18 win over Zion Chapel.

**\*\* Class 3A** – Top-ranked Fyffe rolled to a 5-0 win over Collinsville, with the lonely loss in the standings being #10 Saks falling to #2 Piedmont 28-12. In games with local interest, Pike County dropped its opener to Beulah 14-12, T.R. Miller won its 700th game with a 36-6 win over Cottage Hill, Daleville continued to get roughed up in a 50-6 loss to Houston Academy, Goshen continued its struggles with a 56-0 loss to Trinity, and Wicksburg posted an impressive 20-0 win over Providence Christian.

**\*\* Class 4A** – Top-ranked Gordo and #2 Handley combined to post wins by a score of 85-10, while #7 Williamson, #8 Jackson and #9 Jacksonville all tasted defeat. In action closer to home, Dale County posted a big 36-14 win over Ashford, Geneva outscored B.T. Washington 41-36, and Straughn improved to 3-0 with a 47-20 win over Bullock County.

**\*\* Class 5A** – Top-ranked Pike Road rolled over Carroll 42-7 as all ranked teams won, including a 52-0 win by UMS-Wright over LeFlore. In area action, Charles Henderson remained winless with a 25-10 loss to Greenville and Andalusia celebrated being at home by clobbering Rehobeth 45-6.

**\*\* Class 6A** – Top-ranked Spanish Fort outscored Gulf Shores 42-21 and #2 Clay-Chalkville punished Jasper 68-21, while #10 Eufaula slipped to 1-2 with a 17-10 loss to Robert E. Lee.

**\*\* Class 7A** – Top-ranked Thompson blasted Tuscaloosa County 58-0 and #2 Hoover coasted past Vestavia Hills 34-6, while #7 Daphne was upset by Fairhope 38-31. Closer to home, Enterprise kept rolling along with a big 48-14 region win over Dothan.

**\*\*\* Changing sports for just a second....** New York Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor gave a thumbs down gesture to the Mets fans after a game last week after the fans booed him and a couple of other players as they endured the teams fall from playoff contention. The Mets were atop the National East standings by four games heading into August, but left the month over seven games back, and the fall from grace didn't sit well with the fans that pay their hard-earned money to watch the team play. The next day the fans showered Lindor with even more boos when he tried to apologize on the field and gave him the thumbs down gesture from the stands. Before the season began Lindor signed a 10-year, \$341 million contract with New York, and since is batting .221

in key region battle

### Elba looks to bounce back against Rebels

The (2-1) Elba Tigers will be looking to return to their winning ways and claim an important region win on Friday night when they travel to Jack to tangle with the (0-2) Zion Chapel Rebels.

Elba leads the all-time series 11-0, and last season posted a hard fought 38-7 win over their cross-county rivals.

"This is our biggest game of the season because it is our next game and we need to get a region win to keep pace in the region standings," stated Elba coach Marc Sieving. "I know when the fans look at the history of the series it shows we have never lost to Zion Chapel, but this is a very well coached team with some quality high school athletes that play hard on every play and of the same on Friday night

there is no doubt we will have to play at a high level to win the game."

Elba will carry a 2-1 record into the game with wins over Daleville 41-14 and Opp 33-28, and a region loss to G.W. Long 35-16, while Zion Chapel will bring an 0-2 slate into the contest after losing to Kinston 20-12 and Abbeville 48-18.

"Zion Chapel doesn't do anything fancy on either side of the ball," added Sieving, "but what they do they do well, and last week they showed improvement in all areas against a very good team from Abbeville. On offense they like to play physical at the line of scrimmage, and will mix up the run and pass in an attempt to move the chains. We expect them to do more of the same on Friday night

and play ball control on offense to control the clock, keep the chains moving and put points on the scoreboard when they get the chance. Over on defense they are a solid group and again want to be physical at the line of scrimmage. We never really know just what our opponents will do to stop our running game, but expect them to load the box to stop our base plays and try to make us snap the ball multiple times on every possession to prevent the big play."

"I guarantee you the

players, coaches and fans at Zion Chapel are looking forward to playing us on Friday night and I have no doubt we will get their best effort on every play," said Sieving. "Our loss at home last week let them know we can be beat, and Zion Chapel will take the field expecting to win the game. If we are going to bring home a win, we have to be able to run our base offense successfully, mix in the pass to keep their defense honest, and maintain possessions. We had too many negative plays last week that stopped drives, and we have to finish off the drives and put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense, we have to be physical at the line of scrimmage, tackle well and make our reads. We didn't play as badly a week ago on defense as the final score may make one think, but we did give up a big pass play and at times got whipped between the tackles. That cannot happen if we are going to win football

with only 75 hits in 132 games, I agree the millionaire ballplayer deserves to hear the boos.

**\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** hit on 15 of his 20 picks last week, but sent me an e-mail that he is on vacation this week and included this week's fearless forecast in the brief letter. The local guesspert is off to another solid start, and here are this week's picks....

#### ELBA VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Pea River felines lost a little fur last week in an unsuccessful attempt to outrun a small army that had set up camp just below the water tank, but refused to surrender and this week will head up across the county and try to sneak into Fort Jack looking to bring home a much needed region win. These troops may not have as much ammunition as those a week ago, but it will still be a battle for four quarters.

#### ELBA 27 ZION CHAPEL 16

#### KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL

The bulldogs from down near the county line got caged last weekend on a trip across the river and will be glad to be back at the pound as they try to find a much needed region win. The dogs will have their hands full with a litter of kitties that made headlines a week ago with a big upset win over a ranked opponent, but the guess here is the bulldogs will survive.

#### KINSTON 28 RED LEVEL 27

#### NEW BROCKTON VS. DALEVILLE

It was quiet along the bypass over the weekend after the roosters lost more than just a few feathers in a loss to a litter of short-tailed kitties, which means they may have to hitch-hike over to Camp Rucker for this week's region clash with a flock of birds that roost just out of the way of the choppers. Expect some crowing this weekend.

#### NEW BROCKTON 34 DALEVILLE 14

#### BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The bulldogs from across the river opened hunting season with a bang last week at the pound and this week have their eyes set on a litter of kitties that have been trying to make a little noise early in the season. The kitties may scratch and claw a little, but the dogs will prove way too strong and should post an easy win.

#### BRANTLEY 35 MCKENZIE 7

#### OTHER PICKS:

Floral 28 Georgiana 26  
Samson 21 Pleasant Home 14  
Keith 56 R.C. Hatch 0  
Notasulga 48 Barbour County 0  
St. Luke's 17 Blacksher 14  
Arlton 31 Geneva County 28  
Abbeville 40 Cottonwood 20  
G.W. Long 34 Houston County 0  
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T.R. Miller 42 Chickasaw 10  
Flomaton 33 Cottage Hill 7  
Hillcrest 18 Bayside 17  
Opp 24 Houston Academy 14  
Slocomb 28 Providence Christian 10  
Wicksburg 35 Northside Methodist 0  
Montgomery Academy 31 Southside 12  
Thomasville 50 Monroe County 6  
Dadeville 20 Pike County 18  
Childersburg 42 Goshen 7  
Cathol 35 Reeltown 13  
Trinity 45 Beulah 0  
Fyffe 42 Sylvania 0  
Mobile Christian 27 W.S. Neal 14  
St. James 31 Bullock County 13  
Geneva 34 Dale County 30  
Straughn 21 Ashford 16  
St. Paul's 17 UMS-Wright 14  
Greenville 28 Headland 6  
Pike Road 38 Andalusia 24  
Carroll 27 Rehobeth 14  
Saraland 17 Baldwin County 7  
McGill-Toolen 41 Gulf Shores 17  
Spanish Fort 45 Robertsdale 0  
Opelika 24 Eufaula 7  
Fairhope 38 Foley 14  
Auburn 35 Dothan 10  
Central PC 49 Jeff Davis 8  
Prattville 31 Smiths Station 14  
Enterprise 42 Davidson 21



PLAYERS OF WEEK RECOGNIZED AT ELBA QB CLUB MEETING...During the Elba Quarterback Club's "Game Day" lunch meeting [Friday], Sept. 3, Tigers head coach Marc Sieving recognized four players as the team's Players of the Week from the Aug. 27th win over Opp. Sieving said the defensive player of the week was Trenton Hamilton. Hamilton had a really big game on defense with five assists, four tackles, and a big third-down stop. He also was credited with causing two Opp fumbles, and he had one interception in the game for Elba. Offensive lineman Kyle Smith was recognized by Sieving as the offensive player of the week. He said Smith plays outside tackle on offense, and he is at a spot on the line that can have big impact on the Tigers success or failure. He credited Smith for not allowing any sacks on the quarterback from his position, along with have four devastating blocks in the game. Special teams player of the week was Chrystyle Caldwell. Sieving said many think of defense when they hear Caldwell's name, but he had a big night on special teams against Opp. Caldwell had a kickoff return for a touchdown, and he blocked an Opp field goal attempt late in the game to help Elba secure the big win. The fourth player recognized by Coach Sieving as a Player of the Week was one that did not play in the game against Opp. Kaden Grogg returned home Friday, Aug. 27, from spending the summer in basic training for the National Guard. Sieving said Grogg made the decision in the Spring, and the team got him back prior to the game after he spent the entire summer completing basic training. Grogg was Elba's lone game captain Friday, Sept. 3rd, and he will bust through Elba's sign each week holding the American flag, according to Sieving. The Players of the Week are pictured above (from left) Kaden Grogg, Kyle Smith, Trent Hamilton, and Chrystyle Caldwell. Also pictured are cheerleaders Destinee Tidwell and Kendra Juarez, also recognized during last week's QB Club meeting.

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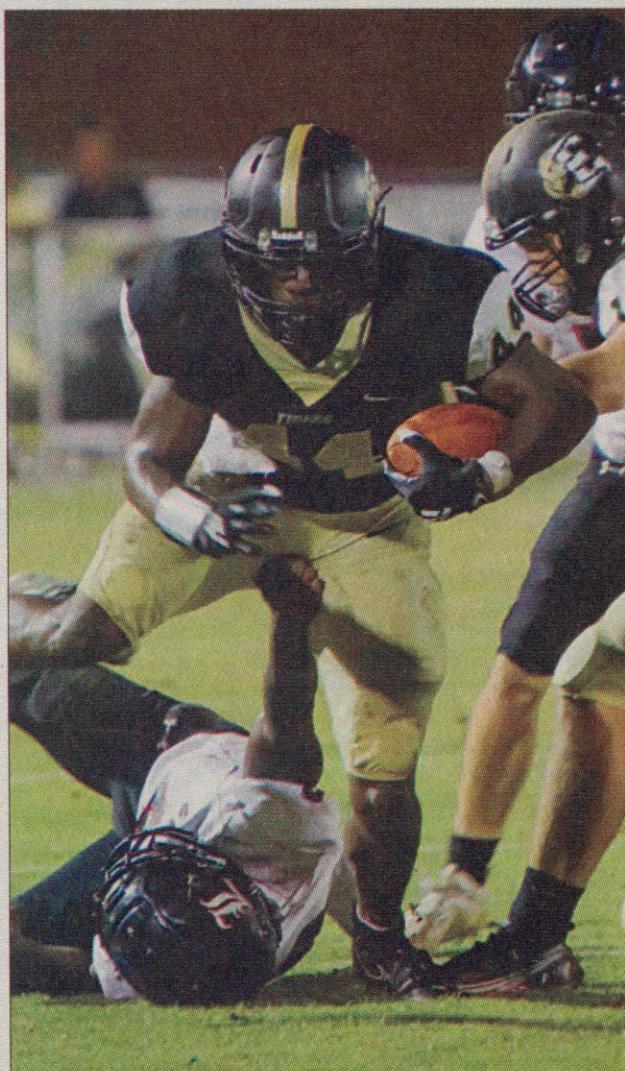


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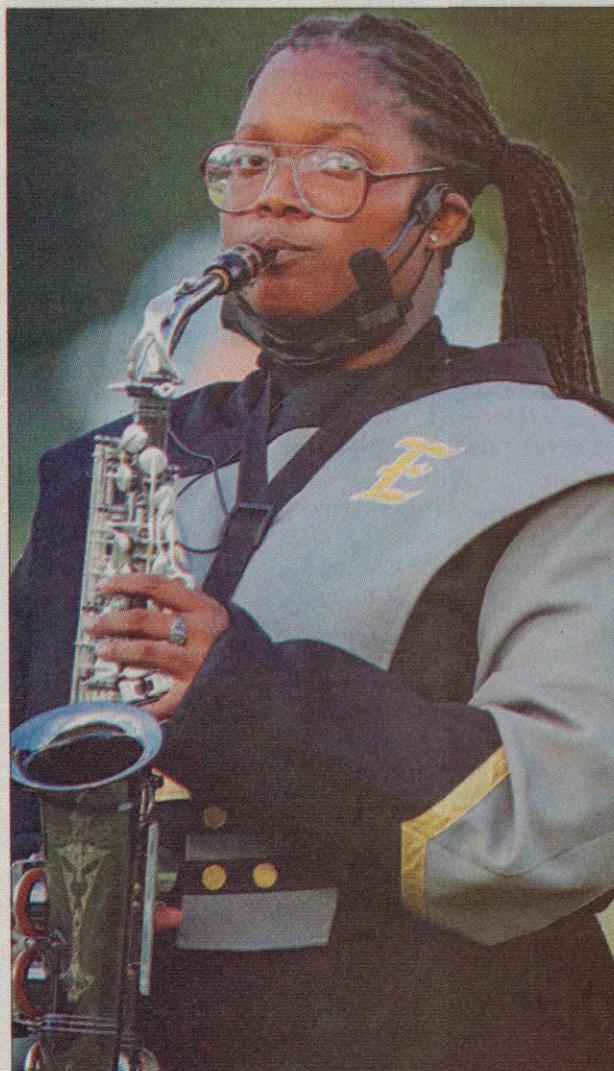
## SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Kaden Grogg (88) served as a game captain Friday night in his first game back after basic training with the National Guard.



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) runs over a G.W. Long defender as he eyes room to run in last week's region clash.



Elba Marching Tigers performed during pregame and halftime festivities Friday night and wowed the crowd with their performance.

## In region opener

## Elba Tigers rocked by Rebels 35-16

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers saw their two-game winning streak come to an abrupt end Friday night with a disappointing 35-16 region loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba dodged two Rebel bullets early in the game as Byron Burks intercepted a pass at the Elba 10-yardline to turn back a Long scoring threat, and only moments later an apparent 67-yard punt return for a touchdown by the Rebels was nullified by a penalty flag.

Burks came up with another defensive gem early in the second quarter when he recovered a fumbled handoff at the G.W. Long 5-yardline, and from there it took the Tigers two plays to cash in the turnover, with the score coming on a 1-yard run by JT Coleman. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 9:21 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Elba was penalized

twice on the ensuing kickoff when the ball sailed out of bounds, but the third kick went downfield and the Rebels were again ready to run as Trevor Morris fielded the kickoff, weaved his way through traffic and hit the sidelines on a 67-yard return for a touchdown. Tanner Patton added the extra-point to pull Long even at 7-7 with 9:07 left in the quarter.

G.W. Long began its next possession at its own 20-yardline and stunned the Tigers as the Rebels needed only three plays to get back into the endzone. A 74-yard pass from Kobi Stringer to Bryson Hughes was a key play in the quick scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 9-yard run by Stringer. Patton again added the extra-point as the Rebels went in front 14-7 with 3:19 remaining in the half.

G.W. Long began its first possession of the second half at its own 17-yardline after an Elba punt and marched 83 yards in seven plays to add to its lead. Kobi Stringer rushed for 23 yards on two carries to help lead the Rebels downfield, while

Trevor Morris rushed for 49 yards on five carries and capped the drive with an 8-yard td dash. Patton's extra-point was successful, and with 4:48 left in the quarter the Rebels were on top 21-7.

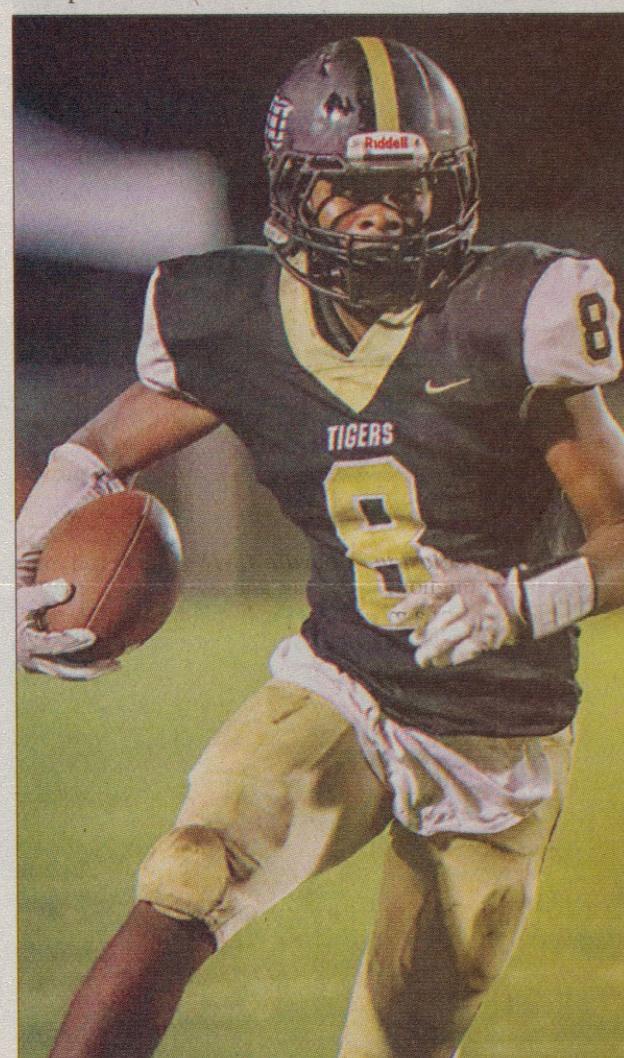
Elba turned the ball over on downs at the Long 14-yardline on its ensuing offensive series, but got a break and pulled within 21-9 three plays later with when a high snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the punter and rolled out of the endzone for a safety.

The safety seemed to pump life into the Tigers, and only two plays later they were right back in the game when Chrystyle Caldwell got the ball and rambled 58 yards for a touchdown. Wisecup added the extra-point to give the Rebels the 35-16 region win.

Chrystyle Caldwell rushed for 95 yards on seven carries and scored one touchdown to lead the Tigers, while Byron Burks added 64 yards on 10 carries and JT Coleman added 52 yards and one td on 12 carries and caught three passes for 15 yards.

The Tiger defense was paced by Peyton McCart with 7 tackles, while Chrystyle Caldwell added 6 stops and Byron Burks had a pass interception and a fumble recovery.

Trevor Morris rushed for 103 yards and two td's on 17 carries and returned a kickoff 67 yards for a score to spark the Rebels, while Kobi Stringer rushed for 77 yards and one td on 11 carries and completed 5 of 9 passes for 88 yards.



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (8) looks for room to roam as he gets outside the rebel defense in last week's 35-16 loss to G.W. Long.

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44-199 Rushes-Yds.	30-169
15 Passing Yds.	88
214 Total Offense	257
3-5-1 Passes	5-9-1
6/0 Fumbles/Lost	4/1
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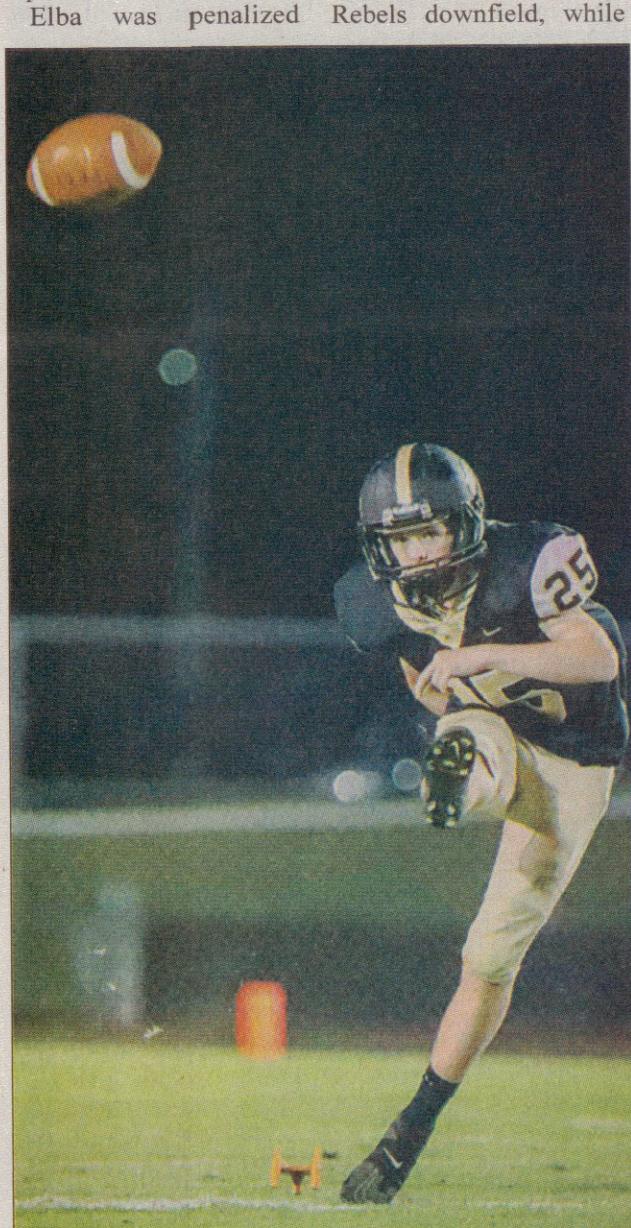
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Elba Tiger Alex Wisecup (25) booms a kickoff in last week's region contest against G.W. Long. The sophomore place-kicker converted two extra-points in the 35-16 loss to the Rebels.

## SPORTS NEWS

### In region opener

#### Brantley Bulldogs blank Kinston 34-0

Statistics by Dicky Adcock  
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs finally got the season started Friday night with a solid 34-0 region win over the Kinston Bulldogs, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs went 62 yards in four plays to reach the endzone. Tucker Kilcrease completed three straight passes for 52 yards to quickly move the Bulldogs down the field, while the score came on a 10-yard dash by Robert Shine. Jayden Parks added the extra-point, and with 10:07



Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) looks for running room as Kinston Bulldog Coston Faulk (34) pursues looking for the tackle.

left in the first quarter Brantley was already on top 7-0.

Brantley regained possession at its own 24-yardline after a Kinston punt and this time covered the distance to the endzone in five plays. Kilcrease completed three passes for 57 yards during the 76-yard scoring drive, while Khalil Smith capped the drive with a 1-yard td run. Parks again added the extra-point to push the Bulldogs lead to 14-0 with 5:39 remaining in the quarter.

The Kinston defense rose up and turned back a Brantley scoring threat late in the quarter after the hometown Bulldogs had reached a first down at the Kinston 14-yardline. The extra-point try failed, and with 5:39 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 27-0 lead.

Kinston moved the chains for its initial first down of the game on its ensuing possession behind the running of Konner Walker and Jeb Crosby, but the drive was short lived as Kinston punted three plays later and at the half were still down 27-0.

Brantley failed to overcome twenty yards in penalties on its initial possession of the second half, while Kinston's offense showed signs of life on its second series of the half as it marched 32 yards in seven plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 32-yardline. Jeb Crosby rushed for 20 yards on three carries and Konner

Walker rushed for 72 yards on 18 carries and completed 1 of 3 passes for minus one yard to lead the Kinston offense, which managed only 42 yards in total offense.

However, Brantley regained possession at the Kinston 23-yardline after a 21-yard punt return by Daquan Pittman, and this time the men in green cashed in the scoring opportunity as Robert Shine scored his second touchdown of the night on a 12-yard gallop. Parks kicked the extra-point and with 8:08 left in the second quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 21-0.

Brantley's next offensive series began at its own 35-yardline, and this time it took only one play to reach paydirt as on the first play from scrimmage Tucker Kilcrease connected with Morrell Edwards on a 65-yard touchdown toss. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:39 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 27-0 lead.

Kinston moved the chains for its initial first down of the game on its ensuing possession behind the running of Konner Walker and Jeb Crosby, but the drive was short lived as Kinston punted three plays later and at the half were still down 27-0.

Brantley failed to overcome twenty yards in penalties on its initial possession of the second half, while Kinston's offense showed signs of life on its second series of the half as it marched 32 yards in seven plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 32-yardline. Jeb Crosby rushed for 20 yards on three carries and Konner

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Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) prepares to pass as Kinston Bulldog John Free (55) closes in on a pass rush.



Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Watson (1) tries to get around an Abbeville defender in last week's loss.

Photo by Heather Adcock

#### Rebels stung by 'Jackets 48-18

From staff reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their early season surge come to an end Friday night with a 27-0 region loss to the Opp Bobcats, at Gamecock Stadium.

Opp took advantage of a short punt to grab a 3-0 lead with 7:55 remaining in the first quarter on a 27-yard field goal by Jackson Pierce, but New Brockton bounced right back and appeared to take the lead on its next possession when Kaden Cupp turned the corner on the Bobcat defense and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. A penalty flag wiped off the Gamecock score; however, and two plays later disaster struck for the Gamecocks when a bad snap on a punt attempt handed the ball back to the Bobcats at the New Brockton 4-yardline.

Terry Davis scored on the next play to cash in the short field, and after Pierce added the extra-point Opp was on top 10-0 with 4:31 still left in the opening quarter.

Opp put together an 80-yard scoring drive on its next possession as Gray Jennings rushed for 24 yards on three carries and completed a 14-yard pass. Davis scored his second touchdown of the half on a 9-yard dash, and Pierce again added the extra-point as the Bobcats lead grew to 17-0 with 7:00 remaining in the second quarter.

Kaden Cupp rushed for 36 yards on 15 carries and completed 1 of 2 passes for 12 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while Jamaricus Brown rushed for 58 yards on 18 carries as the Gamecocks were held to 121 yards in total offense.

Terry Davis rushed for 129 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Bobcats, while Gray Jennings completed 7 of 15 passes for 63 yards. The Bobcats regained

1 yards, while a 49-yard scamper by Morgan Sanders set up the Rebels final score, which came on a 4-yard run by Zay Adair.

Jaylon Dozier rushed for 185 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries and also returned an interception 25 yards for a score to spark Abbeville, while Kam Wallace added 121 yards and one td on 10 carries, Damarion Smith had a 24-yard td run and Trent Lingo added an 8-yard td dash.

Zion Chapel rushed for 161 yards and passed for 35 yards to roll up 196 yards in total offense.



Joe Simmons was honored at last week's New Brockton High football game by Mayor Kathy Holley with a plaque in honor of his years of service to the youth of the community. Mayor Holley announced that the city's recreation park would be renamed the Joe Simmons Recreation Complex.

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